MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): There is already a report before the Government that crops have been destroyed. The question is whether taxes have been remitted.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is only an allegation in the petition. A report has to be called for on that petition, it has to be considered and orders passed.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): The report clearly says that crops have been destroyed.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The question whether tax should be remitted for crops already destroyed is still under consideration. I may inform the member that each case has to be enquired into separately.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): The merit in this case is whether crops have been actually destroyed.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Tahsildar cannot sanction remission and hence such cases should be enquired into and reported to higher authorities and it will take some time to go through the above process.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): But he said that he is not in a position to say whether taxes have been collected for the Kanni crop.

Sub-division of Agricultural Holdings.

126. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Are the Government now (November 1927) in possession of information as regards the minute sub-divisions of agricultural holdings that are going on? If so, have they collected information as to the extent to which paddy cultivation is affected by this process and have they considered the desirability of taking action calculated to prevent minute sub-divisions of agricultural holdings?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government understand that there has been a good deal of sub-division of landed property resulting from partition following on the Nayar and the Ezhava Regulations. They consider that it is too soon to take up the question of legislation to counteract the progress of sub-division; for one thing, it is not expedient to interfere with the action taken by the people in giving effect to the Regulations; another reason why action should be deferred is that the Government see indications which lead them to believe that in course of time re-groupings and consequent enlargement of holdings will take place. For the time being, therefore, they do not propose to intervene in the matter.

Extent of uncultivated Paddy lands.

127. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of paddy land now (November 1927) lying silted up and un-cultivated in the Trivandrum taluk as the result of breaches in irrigation and drainage channels?

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